

REMARKS

Applicants note that the Restriction Requirement does not acknowledge the claims of the Preliminary Amendment filed January 8, 2002 (Paper No. 50), a copy of which is attached hereto, along with the date stamped postcard acknowledging receipt thereof.

In light of the Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-28 are pending. The Table below identifies how the original claims correspond to the amended claims.

Groups in the Restriction Requirement	Claim Numbers (Original)	Claim Numbers (Amended)	Inventions Included in the Group (Designated by the Examiner)
I	1-6, and 9-11	1-4, 17-18, and 21-23	An isolated polynucleotide, an expression vector, and a method of producing the encoded protein
II	7-8 and 14	19, 20, and 26	A compound that binds to a polypeptide
III	12	24	An antisense DNA
IV	13 and 15	25 and 27	A method of screening for compounds
V	16	28	A compound that regulates the incorporation of a long fatty acid to cell expressing a protein

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 29, 2004, applicants elect Group I, corresponding to original claims 1-6 and 9-11 and which applicants believe correspond to presently pending claims 1-4, 17, 18 and 21-23.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew E. Mulkeen', is written over a horizontal line.

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